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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN TRILATERAL DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

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1. AT A CONFERENCE IN PARIS (UNDER AUSPICES OF ATLANTIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS) ON "THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND JAPAN IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPE-US-JAPAN TRIANGLE," ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI GAVE CONGENT AND EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION OF NECESSITY OF FAVORABLE EVOLUTION OF TRILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AMONG US-JAPAN-EUROPE. WHEN CARL GREEN OF FORD FOUNDATION ASKED ABOUT EC NINE NOVEMBER 14 DEMARCHE TO JAPAN PROPOSING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND DECLARATION, BRZEZINSKI ANSWERED QUESTION FOR PANEL. HE SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD HEARD FROM JAPANESE FRIENDS THAT BOTH TOKYO AND WASHINGTON WERE SURPRISED BY EC APPROACH, IT WAS WELCOMED IN BOTH CAPITALS. BRZEZINSKI CONTINUED: JAPANESE HAD NOT YET RESPONDED FORMALLY; THEY APPARENTLY CONTINUED TO PREFER SOME TRILATERAL APPROACH, BUT WOULD FIND EC/JAPAN AND US/JAPAN DECLARATIONS AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE.

2. AMBASSADRS SHIMA AND YOSHINO WERE BOTH ON PANEL, BUT DEFERRED TO BRZEZINSKI BECAUSE HE DID NOT REPRESENT ANY GOVERNMENT. EMBOFF ASKED JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY ARA, WHO WAS ATTENDING CONFERENCE, WHY YOSHINO HAD NOT CORRECTED
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BRZEZINSKI, AND ARA SAID YOSHINO, WHO WAS CERTAINLY INFORMED ABOUT JAPANESE POSITION, HAD PROBABLY NOT WISHED TO CORRECT BRZEZINSKI IN PUBLIC.

3. COMMENT: BRZEZINSKI HAD OT SPECIFIED HIS JAPANESE SOURCES, BUT IT LIKELY THAT HE HAD TALKED TO YOSHINO AND OTHER INFORMED JAPANESE OFFICIALS. FRENCH WOULD IN ANY CASE CONCLUDE THAT HIS RESPONSE REFLECTED OFFICIAL VIEWS, PARTICULARLY SINCE BRZEZINSKI HAD SAID PREVIOUSLY THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED TRILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SECRETARY RECENTLY. ARA SAW POINT OF EMBOFF'S QUESTION AS REMINDER THAT AMERICANS AND JAPANESE SHOULD MAINTAIN EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE OF TRILATERAL DECLARATION AND MAY RAISE MATTER WITH HIS COLLEAGUES.
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